

Minutes of the Dysart et al Waste Management Advisory Committee
held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 7th, 2007
commencing at 8:30 a.m.

- Present: Reeve – Murray Fearrey
Deputy-Reeve – Bill Davis
Councillors – Derek Knowles and Dan Kay (for a portion of the meeting)
Members – Ann Maher, John Miller and Bruce Bozec
Staff – Mark Brohm and Tammy McKelvey
- Adoption of Agenda: Res. No. 59, Ann Maher, Bruce Bozec
“Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting of August 7th, 2007 is hereby adopted as amended.”
Carried
- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.
- Adoption of Minutes: Res. No. 60, Derek Knowles, Bill Davis
“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes of the meeting held on July 3rd, 2007 are hereby adopted as circulated.”
Carried
- MNR Re: Bear Concerns: The Committee reviewed the response from the Ministry of Natural Resources to our correspondence regarding concerns with the bears in the Landfill Sites.
The Bear Wise funding program was discussed and Reeve Fearrey noted that every Municipality in the County has bear problems at their Landfill Sites and the other Municipalities participated in this program.
Staff was directed to arrange a meeting with MNR officials to speak to Councillor Knowles and Mr. Bozec regarding the Bear Wise program.
- Plastic Bag Separation: Councillor Kay arrived at the meeting.
The Committee discussed the pilot project that has been taking place at the Haliburton Landfill Site with regard to the separation of plastic bags into a container that will be baled.
Reeve Fearrey read the concerns that have been put forth by some businesses, including Parklane apartments, with regard to the delays encountered at the landfill site with this pilot project.
Mr. Bozec advised that green bags are opened at the recycling bins and the recycling is placed in the applicable container or fibre stream and the bags are placed in the third container that has been set up.
It was noted that Parklane brings their recycling in bags and it is time consuming to have to open the bags and separate the plastic. Mr. Brohm was directed to meet with Mrs. Fawcett, at the apartments, and discuss the problems and see if a solution can be found.
Reeve Fearrey noted that the separation of plastic bags is only occurring at the Haliburton Landfill Site.
The CAO advised that MCS has agreed to reduce the processing fee for our containers and fibres to \$10.00 per tonne if the plastic bags are removed from the bins. The cost to administer this separation needs to be considered when the pilot program is assessed.
The cost for baling the plastic bags is unknown at this time and Mr. Bozec indicated that the baling of the bags is very slow.

Compaction
Units Proposal:

The Compaction unit proposal from MCS was received after the circulation of the agenda and the material was handed out to the members of the Committee at the meeting. It was noted that this information will need to be analysed and considered at the next meeting. The CAO was directed to discuss the use of the compaction units with the Township of Strong and the Township of Perry to obtain their feedback.

Reeve Fearrey indicated that the County will be looking at the recycling depot options at their September meeting.

J. Garbutt Re:
Recycling:

Mr. Jim Garbutt, of Garbutt Enterprises, attended the meeting at the invitation of the Committee to discuss his company's initiatives to encourage his customers to recycle.

Mr. Garbutt indicated that they have only forty (40) or fifty (5) residential customers and they have all been sent notices of the mandatory recycling. Mr. Garbutt further indicated that some material is garbage, although it may appear to be recycling when it is dumped at the landfill sites.

Mr. Garbutt advised that their company has recycling pick up for the high volume commercial accounts, such as the schools, hospital, camps and Extendicare.

The problem with dumpsters at Commercial locations being used by others for the disposal of their household garbage was noted. It was further noted that the Arena often has difficulty with users of the facility not recycling.

A discussion on the plastic bag recycling was held and Mr. Garbutt indicated that plastic bags are recyclable; however, the market price is very low currently.

Mr. Garbutt was thanked for attending the meeting to discuss this matter.

Recycling
Summary:

The Committee reviewed the recycling summary report for the period of January to June, 2007. It was noted that the volumes at the Haliburton Lake sites appear to be low.

It was noted that the Landfill Attendants need to continue to encourage everyone to recycle when they are attending at the Landfill Sites.

Landfill Staffing:

Mr. Bozec advised that in order to continue with the separation of plastic bags at the recycling the staffing situation at the Haliburton Landfill Site would need to be addressed. He further advised that someone has to be at the bins all the time to prevent contamination.

It was noted that the part time position continues until Thanksgiving weekend; however, the two (2) student positions are finished at the end of August.

It was noted that the cardboard staff should be able to assist with work at the Haliburton Landfill Site when the cardboard volumes drop off in the fall.

The Kennisis Lake and West Guilford Landfill Sites were discussed and it was felt that additional staff is required at these sites in the summer.

Res. No. 61, John Miller, Bill Davis

"Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the contract with Hammond for Landfill Attendant services be increased to have an additional Attendant at the Kennisis and West Guilford Landfill Sites."

Carried.

GEEP Re:
Diversion of
Electronic Waste:

The Committee reviewed the information from Global Electric Electronic Processing Inc. with regard to the service of diversion of electronic waste. Mr. Brohm was requested to follow up with the cost of the service and report back to the Committee.

Public Service Announcements: Mr. Bozec advised that CANOE radio has agreed to do some public service announcements with regards to recycling.

Volunteer Coverage: Mr. Miller questioned the coverage available to volunteers helping at the Landfill Site. The CAO advised that as a volunteer they would not be covered in the case of an injury under WSIB. She further advised that the Municipality's liability insurance policy would extend to include volunteers acting for the Municipality at the site.

Adjournment: Res. No. 62, Bill Davis, Derek Knowles

"Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:45 a.m."

Carried

Chairperson: Murray Fearrey

CAO/Clerk: Tammy McKelvey